U.S. Embassy Juba, South Sudan Security Message for U.S. Citizens – Return of Dr. Riek Machar April 23, 2016

First Vice President-designate Dr. Riek Machar Teny is expected to return to Juba this afternoon. U.S. Embassy staffs have been instructed to limit movements to within U.S. Embassy compounds. The U.S. Embassy likewise advises all U.S. citizens, particularly those in Juba, to limit your movements. The U.S. Embassy is not aware of any specific threats at this time.

Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

If demonstrations occur, remember that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

For further information:

- See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and <u>Country Specific Information for</u> <u>South Sudan</u>.
- Enroll in the **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program** (**STEP**) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the <u>U.S. Embassy in South Sudan</u>, located at Kololo Rd next to the EU compound, at +211 912 105 188, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. The Embassy is closed on South Sudan and U.S. federal holidays. The afterhours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +211 912 105 107 or + 1 202 216 6279 ext 253.
- For current information on safety and security, call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries

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